

Event Vetting

Government employees, particularly high-level officials like United States Attorneys, are subject to ethical restrictions governing the types of events they may attend. Some restrictions relate to benefits, including luncheons, dinners, awards, and tokens of appreciation they may accept. Other restrictions relate, among other things, to participation in events that are sponsored by persons who do business with or lobby the Government; that have a fundraising component; where it may appear that official attendance is being used to promote the event or the sponsor; or where elected officials may be in attendance. To assist us in vetting compliance with government ethical restrictions, we would appreciate it if you could provide the following information. If you do not have specific information for each response, please provide such general or descriptive information as you currently have. Please do not hesitate to call the Office's Government Ethics Advisor, (b)(6), (b)(7)c at (b)(6), (b)(7)c or e-mail him at (b)(6), (b)(7)c to discuss this.

1. Name, date and time, and location of event.
Keynote Dinner Speech at Network of Indian Professionals (NetIP) Conference Annual National Conference – Sunday evening, October 11th – 7pm – Marriott Marquis Hotel Ballroom, Times Square, New York City
2. Format of event (*e.g.*, cocktails; presentations; speeches; and/or meal).
Keynote Speech at Evening Dinner Gala Reception (7-10pm)
3. Estimated cost per attendee of event.
\$350 to attend the entire weekend conference; there is no separate registration for the Dinner Gala
4. Are any attendees being charged to attend the event? Yes
 - a. If so, who (in general) is being offered free attendance, and who is expected to pay? All attendees are required to pay except for Conference speakers that are speaking at sessions and events on Sunday, October 11th
5. Name of entity extending the invitation and link to web site (if any).
Network of Indian Professionals (NetIP) – <http://ny2015.netipconference.org/>
 - a. Does the entity extending the invitation engage in lobbying?
No, NetIP is a non-profit organization.
6. Sponsor of event if different from above. N/A
 - a. Does the sponsor of the event engage in lobbying?
7. Names of additional entities that will be recognized for sponsorship or support of the event.
The sponsor of the Conference is Marriott. <http://ny2015.netipconference.org/sponsors/>

8. How many persons are expected to attend?
Approximately 500-750 people
9. Demographics of expected attendees (*e.g.*, lawyers; law enforcement; business leaders; students; etc.)
Young Indian and South Asian professionals in their 20s and 30s in various fields and professions (many in Tech. and Consulting)
10. Are any elected officials expected to attend and, if so, what is their expected role?
Surgeon-General Vivek Murthy has also been invited to attend but has not confirmed yet
11. Is there a fundraising component to the event? (*e.g.*, program advertisements; dinner ticket price; silent auction)? If so, please describe.
N/A
12. Expected role of U.S. Attorney (*e.g.*, simple attendance; remarks; speech)
Keynote speech of 15-20 minutes similar to the ones he has given at past South Asian Bar Association (SABA) Conventions and this year's American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) Convention in Orlando, Florida
13. If the U.S. Attorney is being honored: N/A
 - a. What are the criteria your organization applies to determine who should be honored for this specific award?
 - b. What is the internal process by which your organization selects potential honorees?
 - c. For what specific public service or achievement do you wish to honor the U.S. Attorney?
 - d. Did any of the accomplishments of the U.S. Attorney which you wish to honor directly affect the organization or its members? (Describe.)
 - e. Do any of the board members or host committee or senior staff have any matters pending before or involving the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York?

f. Please provide a description and the value of any award item (if the award item is a plaque, certificate or trophy of little intrinsic value, you may so indicate).

g. Who else is expected to be honored at the event?

14. If the U.S. Attorney is making a presentation, who else is expected to be making a presentation/be on a panel? N/A

a. Will the U.S. Attorney be presented with a token or memento in appreciation for his presentation?

i. ☐ Nothing

ii. ☒ Plaque or other memento of little intrinsic value

iii. ☐ Other. Please describe, including its value.

15. Describe any special seating arrangements for U.S. Attorney, *e.g.*, dais, general seating (depending on the nature of the event, the U.S. Attorney may or may not be able to accept "dais" seating.)

General seating – will be at a reserved table for speakers and other invited guests towards the front of the room; (His wife and children are also welcome to attend the dinner reception)

16. Promotion of the event: please provide a copy of or link to the invitation/promotional material for the event (or if not available, for the prior year's event).
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